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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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Application Number	09/910,886 <i>#9</i>
Filing Date	July 24, 2001 <i>Saxony</i>
First Named Inventor	MIKI OGAWA <i>MIKI OGAWA 8/1/03</i>
Group Art Unit	1762
Examiner Name	Katherine A. Bareford
Attorney Docket Number	03500.015586

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

a.  Previously submitted

- i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Enclosed

- i.  Amendment/Reply
- ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Miscellaneous**

a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205

- i.  RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) 07/28/2003 JBALINAN 00000162 09910886
- ii.  Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:1801 750.00 OP
- iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Check in the amount of \$ 750.00 is enclosed

c.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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Signature	<i>Peter Saxon</i>	Date	July 22, 2003

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SUBMISSION

Sir:

a). Introductory Comments

This response is in accordance with the Pre-OG Notice of January 31, 2003 entitled: "Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted" in which the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(a)-(d) are waived in favor of the Revised Amendment Format for amendments to an application.

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In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed April 22, 2003, kindly amend the subject application as follows.